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THE HOOD

SCARECROW

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BLOOD BROTHER

BUSHWACKER

CENTURIUS

VERMIN

CORRUPTER

MADAME MASQUE

THE WRECKER

PILEDRIVER

BULLDOZER

THUNDERBALL

ANSWER

BLACKOUT

WIZARD

CHEMISTRO

CUTTHROAT

LUKE CAGE

SPIDER-MAN

IRON FIST

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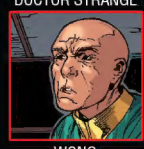
DOCTOR STRANGE


WONG

NIGHT NURSE

JESSICA JONES

BROTHER GRIMM

LIVING LASER

DEATHWATCH

PURPLE MAN

DR. DEMONICUS

GRIFFIN

CROSSFIRE

JIGSAW

THE NEW AVENGERS

PREVIOUSLY...

The New Avengers know that the shape-shifting Skrull race has invaded the Earth. But they can't detect the Skrulls and can't trust that anyone is who they seem to be, including themselves. This has sent the Avengers into a tailspin of mistrust.

Meanwhile, to stop the Hulk's recent rampage in Manhattan, Doctor Strange conjured demonic magics beyond his control and ended up with his hands crushed by the Hulk in battle.

In New York City's villainous underworld, the Hood has been building a network of criminals that includes the Wrecking Crew, Chemistro, the Wizard, Madame Masque and a host of others, and has proved himself to them by taking out the super hero Tigra and robbing a bank of millions of dollars.

The Avengers tracked and stopped the Hood's gang, but the Hood broke his new teammates out of S.H.I.E.L.D. custody and is ready to take the fight back to the Avengers.

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S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER. FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE. PRESENT LOCATION: 1000 FEET OVER LANGLEY, WEST VIRGINIA.

COMMANDER ON DECK!

COMMANDER HILL, WE HAVE A SITUATION.

WOW, WHAT A *SHOCK!*

MA'AM?

GIVE IT TO ME.

THE RAFT HAD A BREAK-IN.

I WAS *JUST* THERE.

YES, MA'AM.

FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO.

YES, MA'AM.

AND BREAK*OUT,* YOU MEAN. YOU SAID BREAK-*IN.* YOU MEAN *BREAKOUT.*

WELL, YES, BUT SOMEONE BROKE IN AND LET OUT THE FOLLOWING...

(I WAS JUST THERE.)

THE WRECKING CREW, CHEMISTRO, THE WIZARD, MADAME MASQUE.

(WE HAVE THE INTEL FILES...)

THAT'S--THAT'S EVERYONE WE PICKED UP ON THE BANK THING IN JERSEY.

YES.

EVERY *ONE* OF THEM.

YES.

WHO EVEN KNEW THEY WERE THERE?

WE'RE LOOKING--

ANY AGENTS HURT?

SEVENTEEN DEAD.

WELL, THAT CAN'T BE ALLOWED.

HOW DID THE BREAK-IN-EES GET PAST US?! *WE* HAVE ANTI-CLOAK SENSORS. WE HAVE--

INTEL BELIEVES THE CLOAKING WAS MYSTICAL IN NATURE, WHICH PUTS US AT... A DISADVANTAGE.

MYSTICAL. THIS MAGIC STUFF IS GOING TO BE THE END OF ME.

FIND THEM.

LOOK WHERE WE'D EXPECT THEM TO BE...

...AND THEN...

"...LOOK WHERE WE WOULDN'T."

TIGRA, DARLING...

...YOU TELL ME WHERE DOCTOR STRANGE AND THOSE DAMN NEW AVENGERS ARE OR I'LL KILL YOUR MOTHER TONIGHT.

I'LL KILL YOUR MOTHER AND THEN FIND YOU AND I'LL CUT OFF ONE OF YOUR FURRY, TICK-RIDDEN LEGS.

BOY, *I'D* TELL HIM.

THEY'RE IN HIS HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE.

WE WERE THERE. IT'S BOARDED UP.

NO. IT'S AN ILLUSION. THEY'RE IN THERE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

EVERYONE IN THE INITIATIVE KNOWS. WE JUST CAN'T PROVE IT. MAGIC.

I *HATE* THAT MAGIC CRAP.

WORD.

I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU'RE LYING.

KILL YOU!

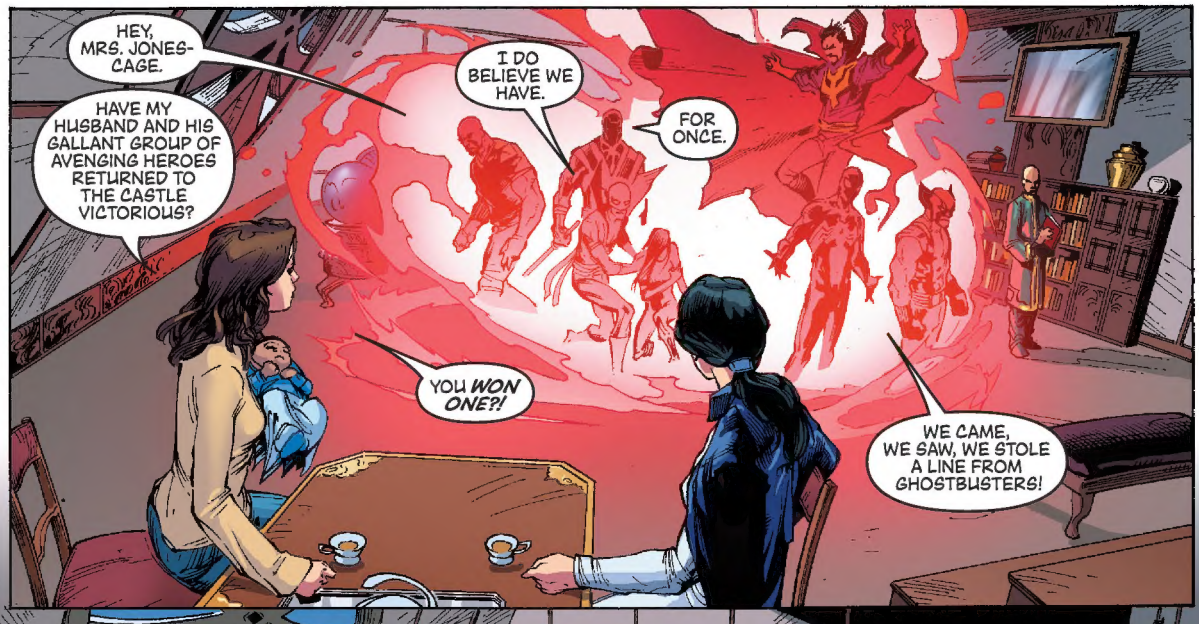
THE ONLY REASON I TOLD YOU IS THAT WHEN YOU GET THERE, THOSE GUYS WILL MOP THE @#$^* FLOOR WITH YOU.

YOU AND YOUR MOMMY BETTER HOPE THEY DO.

SMACK

AND THEN HE ACTUALLY ASKED ME TO KISS IT AND MAKE IT BETTER.
LIKE THAT LINE WOULD EVER WORK.
NO!
STOP IT!
ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD STARBUCKS COMING SOON!

I SWEAR.
I COULD WRITE A BOOK.
WOW. TALES OF THE NIGHT NURSE.


HEY, MRS. JONES-CAGE.
HAVE MY HUSBAND AND HIS GALLANT GROUP OF AVENGING HEROES RETURNED TO THE CASTLE VICTORIOUS?
I DO BELIEVE WE HAVE.
FOR ONCE.
YOU WON ONE?!
WE CAME, WE SAW, WE STOLE A LINE FROM GHOSTBUSTERS!

OUCH, WHAT IS THAT?
MY ARM FALLING OFF.
COME WITH ME, MS. LOPEZ. I CAN HELP WITH THAT.
I'M STARVING.
NO!

NO?
I'LL GET IT *FOR* YOU. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WONG, BUBBIE. YOU'RE A MAGICIAN'S APPRENTICE, NOT A BUTLER. WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN--
THE KITCHEN HAS AN *ORDER* TO IT. EVERY TIME ONE OF YOU GOES IN THERE--
I'M HUNGRY.
DOCTOR, PLEASE, MY KITCHEN. YOU PROMISED MY KITCHEN WOULD--
STEPHEN?
DOCTOR? ARE YOU--?
DON'T!
DON'T TOUCH ME!

SHOULD WE DO SOMETHING?
DID HE GET HURT?
I DIDN'T SEE HIM EVEN GET A CUT.
MAGIC STUFF.
MAYBE WE SHOULD SKEDADDLE AND LET HIM HAVE THE PLACE TO HIMSELF FOR ONCE.
I SHOULD GO HOME, ANYHOW.
AND I'M NOT LEAVING BECAUSE TWO GROWN MEN ARE MINUTES AWAY FROM HAVING A KNOCK-DOWN-DRAG-OUT OVER WHERE THE SPATULA GOES.
I HAVE TO GO HOME AND FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE OF YOU IS A SKRULL...
...BECAUSE NOW I THINK YOU'RE ALL SKRULLS AND I'M ON THE WEIRDEST REALITY SHOW EVER.
AND GO WHERE?
HUNGRY.
LOGAN, RESPECT THE MAN.
WHAT DID HE SAY?
NOTHING IMPORTANT. I'LL FIX YOUR ARM.
I CAN FIX MY OWN ARM.
HEY! NICE PERSON OFFERING TO HELP. ME.
SORRY.

SO, WHATCHA THINK, HOOD?
I THINK ITUNES REVOLUTIONIZED THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS? CAN WE DO IT?
WE DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS ONCE.
THE WHOLE DAMN MASTERS OF EVIL STORMED AVENGERS MANSION. TRASHED THE PLACE.
ALMOST WON TOO.
SO CLOSE.
I KNOW.
IMAGINE IF YOU HAD ALL OF US WITH YOU.
BUT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE IN THERE?

I CAN'T--
HOLD ON.
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT.
OH!
WHAT?
THE FURRY @#$ WAS RIGHT. THEY ARE IN THERE.
HOW CAN YA TELL?
I CAN SEE THROUGH THE ILLUSION. IT IS--IT'S AN ILLUSION. IT'S MAGIC.
YOU MEAN IT AIN'T THERE?
IT'S THERE, BUT IT'S--IT'S LIKE IT ALWAYS WAS.
COOL.
SO, ARE WE GOING TO MEET THE DEMON YOU STEAL YOUR POWERS FROM? DOES HE HAVE A NAME?
I'M SORRY?
WE ALL SAW IT THE OTHER DAY. WE SAW.
HEY, WE APPRECIATE YOUR VISION, THE PLAN... WE APPRECIATE YOU GOT US OUT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. CUSTODY.
BUT YOU NEED TO COME FORWARD WITH EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT WE'RE ALL DEALING WITH IF THIS GOES PAST TONIGHT--
HOLY!
LOOK!

SPIDER-MAN! THAT RAT $*$@--
WHOA!
SPIDER-SENSE?
HE SAW US.
THIS IS IT.
NO GOOFING AROUND. NO SHOWBOATING OR SPEECHES.
NO ONE GETS OUT.

THEY'RE HERE!
HEY!
OH, THAT WAS CHEMISTRO!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE--?
THEY'RE HERE!
SKRULLS?!
WHOA!
GET THE DOCTOR! GET UP!
GET READY! THEY'RE HERE!
HEY!
DUDE, WHAT ARE YOU--?
GO, GO!
WWAAAGGHH!
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU--?
THAT #$%%! DANNY, FOLLOW ME, WE'LL CUT HIM OFF!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS AN ANCIENT SEAL OF PROTECTION.
I THOUGHT THAT PROTECTED US FROM--

HEY, IT WORKED. I DID IT!
I CHANGED THE CHEMICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE WOOD THAT HELD THE SEAL AND I BROKE IT DOWN TO--
KATUNK
GIVE ME BACK MY KID!
WWAAAGGH!
STOP, YOU SON OF A--!
GIVE--
HERE!
SORRY. THERE WAS NO TIME TO TALK. THE BABY COMES FIRST.
YOU BETTER GET OUT OF HERE.
WWAAAGGH!
WHAM

NOT FOR NOTHIN'!
HERE GOES!
UGH!
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MUTHER--
HOLD ON! DOCTOR STRANGE'S SPELLS--THEY CAN'T SEE US OR HEAR US.
YOU WISH.
BAM BAM
BAM BAM
TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE.
AGH!

GUESS THEY CAN SEE US!
SWEET @#$%* CHRISTMAS!
PACK
AGH!

YES, YES...
CHUCK
AGH!

ANNNDDD...
...SCENE!
SORRY, JIGGY, NO TIME FOR THE UGLY JOKES TODAY.
JUST TRY AND REMEMBER SOME OF MY OLD ONES.
SMACK
COME HERE!
GOTTA ADMIRE THE INGENUITY.
WE DO?
FOR A BUNCH OF MORONS LIKE THIS? SURE.
NO ONE GETS OUT!
HAAII!
BACK UP, WE'RE TRIPPIN' OVER EACH OTHER.
BAM
CLICK
HAII!
AAIIE!
HAII!
HUP.
H-HE ISN'T BREATHING!
SPASH
HAA!

HEY, YOU GUYS ALWAYS HAVE PARTIES AFTER I LEAVE?
OH NO!
THWP
OH YES!
BABY'S OKAY, BY THE WAY.
I ALMOST KILLED YOU.
YEAH? BABY'S OKAY, BY THE WAY.
THANK YOU.
ME, NOT SO MUCH.
YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
THESE #$%@$*#$%$$@# CAME AT MY BABY.
SMASH

REPEAT! THIS IS AGENT QUEEN STATIONED AT THE STRANGE HOUSE FOR RECON.
PASSCODE, DELTA-NINER-NINER-SIX-GARY-OLDMAN.
UH, WE HAVE A SITUATION.
THIS IS HELICARRIER ONE. WE READ YOU.
CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE SITUATION, PLEASE?
SMASH
CRASH
Oceanic
WHAM
UH, NO.

BAM
BAM
AGH!
COME ON!
PAIN IN THE--!
OW!
RRR!
GGGKK!
SPACK
SMACK
CLICK

HURRAGGH!

MYAAGGHH!

BAM

HEY, IT'S TIGRA. COOL.

OR A SKRULL OF TIGRA. EITHER WAY, I'M GOOD.

HURRAGGH!

BAM

BAM

AGH!

WE-WE-WE NEED TO CALL SOMEONE.

WE'LL CAST A SPELL OF--

WONG, HE'S DEAD.

CRASH

OH MY GOD! LUKE! THIS HAS TO STOP!

WHO, ME?

YOU'RE TALKING TO ME?

BAM

BAM

BAM

THIS IS A RELIGIOUS PLACE. THIS IS A MYSTICAL PLACE.

IT'S ALSO THE PLACE WE'RE GETTING OUR HEADS HANDED TO US.

THIS STUFF IS ONE OF A KIND.

HEY! I DIDN'T START THIS.

CRASH

MASTER?!

DON'T! DON'TRRR TOUCH ME.

OH MY GOD!

HUURRGGHH!

MASTER, PLEASE, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

WHAT?

WE GOT THEM! THIS IS IT! FINISH IT!
HHUURRGGHH!
FOOM
SUCK IT!
BAKOOM
AAGGH!

SPACK
@#%^$*
FIZZBOOM
HOLD HIM.
I AM!
UH... WHAT IS THAT?

FASTADA UNRUNADE! PISTADI RUNUNINI!

FASTADA UNRUNADE! PISTADI RUNUNINI!

BY THE VISHANTI...
STEPHEN?
STEPHEN!
STEPHEN, WHAT'S HAPPENED?

WONG--WONG, WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THERE'S-- HOLD ON.
WHAT *HAPPENED* TO HIM?
HOLD ON!
HOLD ON, IT'S--IT'S--
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
RRAAGGH!
SON OF A...!
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
AGH!
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.
KIRINATI FALANUTITI.

OKAY, WHAT THE, AH, HECK WAS THAT?

I--I USED A REVERSAL SPELL. IT TAKES BACK A RECENT DEFENSE SPELL.

IT WORKED. I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD.

I'M SORRY IT'S SO PAINFUL.

NO, *AGH*, I MEAN, WHAT HAPPENED?!

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, DOCTOR? WHAT WAS THAT?

OUR STRUGGLES OF LATE.

I HAVE HAD TO CALL UPON DARKER FORCES THAN I NORMALLY WOULD USE...

FORCES I THOUGHT I COULD CONTROL, BUT I CAN'T.

IT WAS ARROGANCE.

THE SAME ARROGANCE THAT LED ME DOWN THE PATH I'M ON IN THE FIRST PLACE.

MY HANDS ARE USELESS AGAIN. AND I TRIED TO DISGUISE IT.

ALL THESE YEARS... AND I HAVE LEARNED NOTHING.

AND I HAVE FAILED AT MY TASK AS SORCERER SUPREME OF THIS DIMENSION.

I--I DON'T THINK I CAN HELP YOU ANYMORE.

I NEED TO ATONE FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE.

I NEED TO RELEARN ALL THAT I HAVE LOST. AND PUT BACK MAGICS WHICH I HAD NO BUSINESS USING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I CAN'T HELP YOU ANYMORE.

YOU HAVE TO LEAVE HERE.

WE ALL DO.

THERE'S-- I'VE HAD NO TIME TO DEAL WITH WHAT I HAVE DONE, AND THE FORCES ARE OVERPOWERING ME.

I WANTED SO MUCH TO HELP YOU, MY FRIENDS. I WANTED SO MUCH TO HELP MY OLD FRIEND BRUCE BANNER.

BUT I FAILED.

I'M SO SORRY, MY FRIENDS.

PEESANANBNAOO

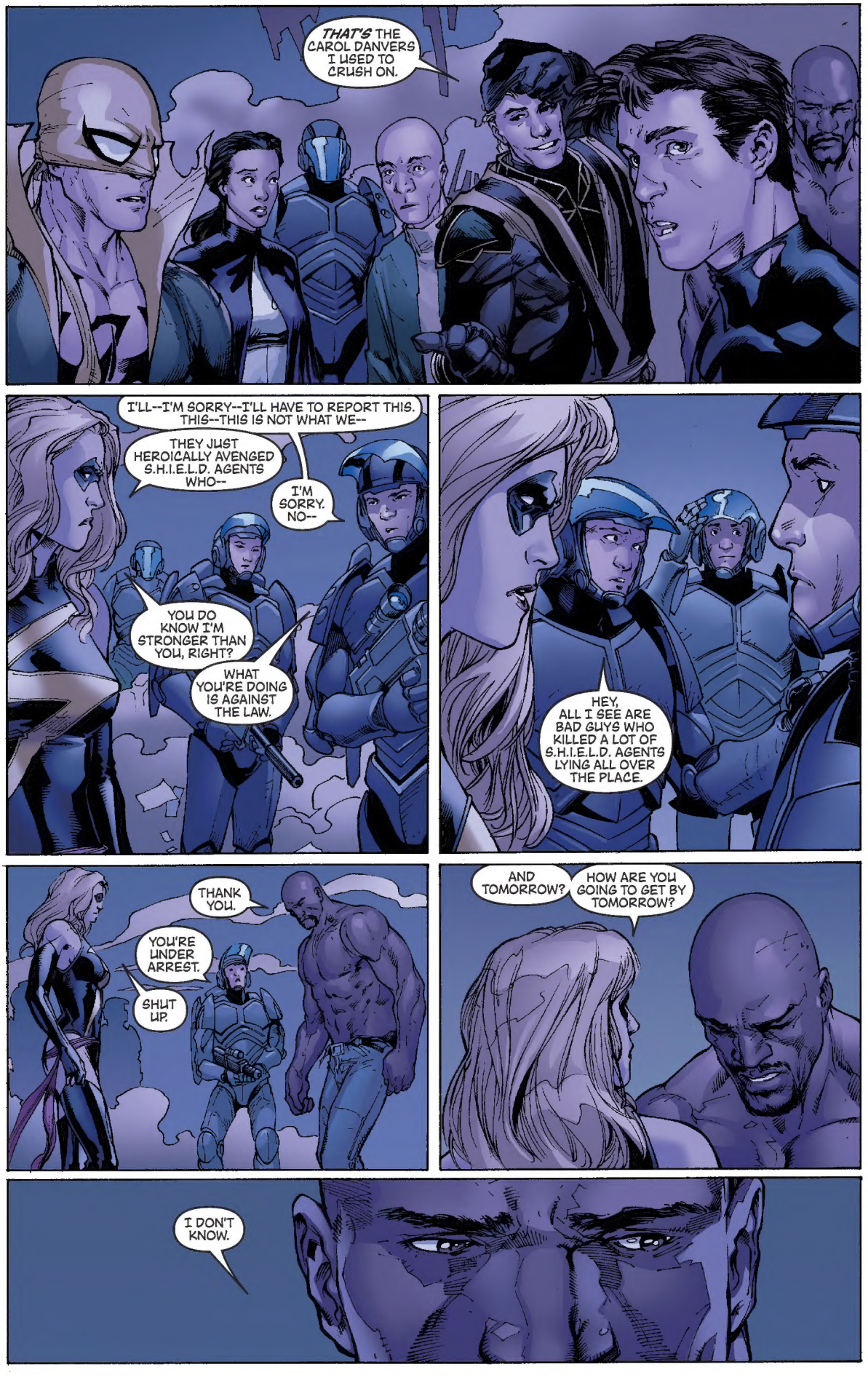
WHOA.

WELL @#$$.

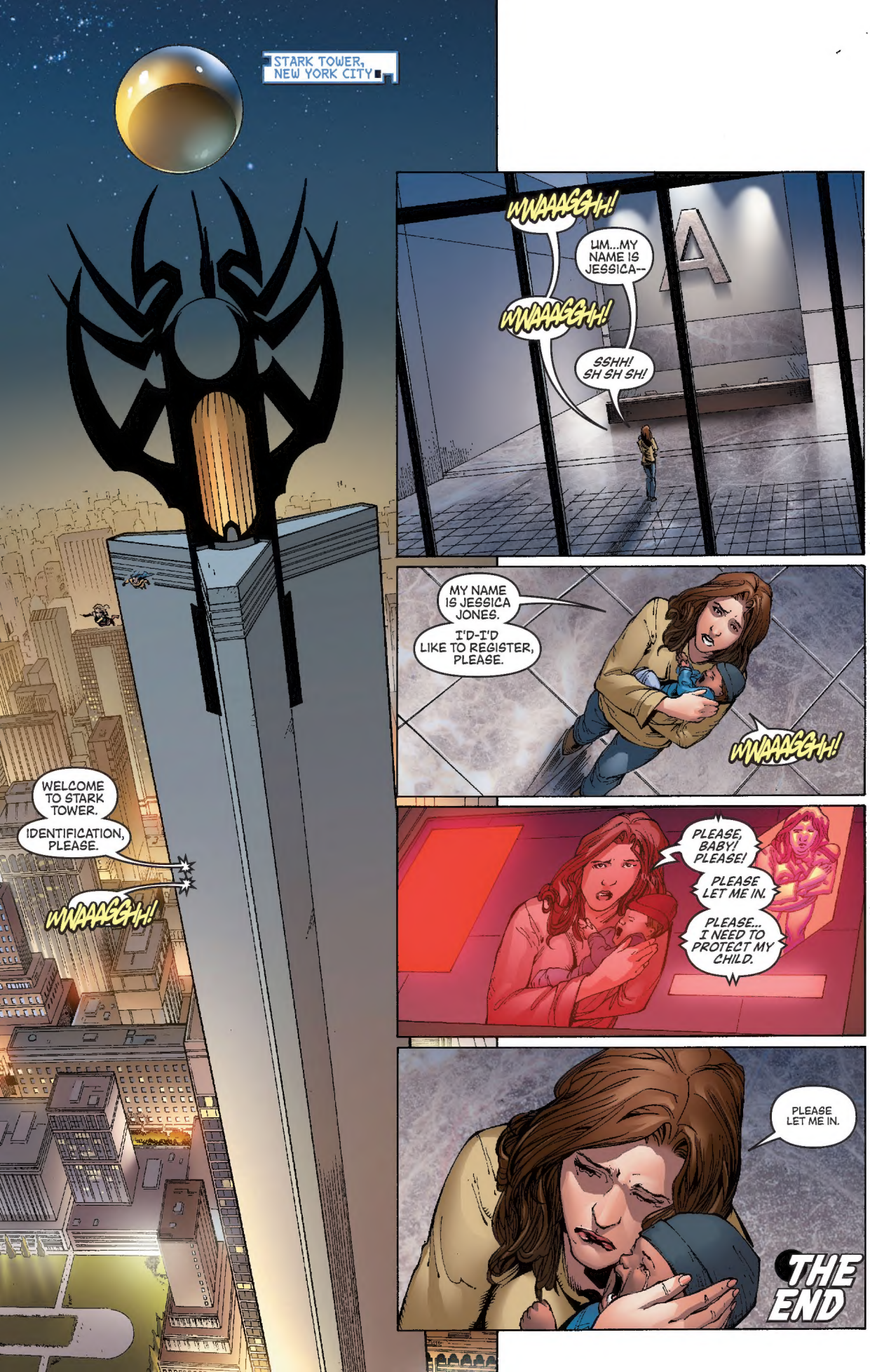
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WELL, FOR STARTERS...

...I WOULDN'T MOVE IF I WERE YOU.
THIS IS MS. MARVEL WITH OPERATION: LIGHTNING STORM. I'M AT THE STRANGE HOUSE. HOLD ON FOR REPORTS.
LUKE, WHERE'S THE BABY? WHERE'S JESSICA JONES?
I DON'T KNOW.
THEY'RE OKAY?
THEY GOT OUT OF HERE, YEAH.
SO...
(..AGH, DAMN IT...)
...GO FIND HER.
YOU'RE NOT...
...GOING TO TRY TO ARREST US?
HELICARRIER, THIS IS MS. MARVEL.
WE NEED A CLEANUP CREW DOWN AT STRANGE'S PLACE IN THE VILLAGE.
AND GET BROTHER VOODOO BACK OVER HERE. WE GOT SOME MAGICY MAGICAL CHEMICALS AND STUFF I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH.
AND THE REBEL AVENGERS? STRANGE, LUKE CAGE?
THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN OFF.
RIGHT?


THAT'S THE CAROL DANVERS I USED TO CRUSH ON.
I'LL--I'M SORRY--I'LL HAVE TO REPORT THIS. THIS--THIS IS NOT WHAT WE--
THEY JUST HEROICALLY AVENGED S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS WHO--
I'M SORRY. NO--
YOU DO KNOW I'M STRONGER THAN YOU, RIGHT?
WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS AGAINST THE LAW.
HEY, ALL I SEE ARE BAD GUYS WHO KILLED A LOT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS LYING ALL OVER THE PLACE.
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
SHUT UP.
AND TOMORROW?
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET BY TOMORROW?
I DON'T KNOW.

PUH!
GUH!
I DID-- I DID EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME.
WE OVERPOWERED THEM. WE HAD THE SURPRISE.
WHY DID WE LOSE?
OKAY.
OKAY...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
NOW I KNOW HOW TO BEAT 'EM.


STARK TOWER, NEW YORK CITY
WELCOME TO STARK TOWER. IDENTIFICATION, PLEASE.
WWAAAGGH!
WWAAAGGH!
UM...MY NAME IS JESSICA--
WWAAAGGH!
SSHH! SH SH SH!
MY NAME IS JESSICA JONES. I'D-I'D LIKE TO REGISTER, PLEASE.
WWAAAGGH!
PLEASE, BABY! PLEASE!
PLEASE LET ME IN.
PLEASE... I NEED TO PROTECT MY CHILD.
PLEASE LET ME IN.
THE END